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In Re Application of)
PATRICK ET AL.) For: **PROCEDURE FOR ESTIMATING**
Serial No.: 10/687,478) **A PARAMETER OF A LOCAL**
) **MAXIMA OR MINIMA OF A**
) **FUNCTION**
Filed: October 16, 2003) Group Art Unit: 2857

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Ms. Tsai:

The following response is being submitted in response to an Office Action dated October 18, 2004. Please consider the follow remarks, beginning on page 8:

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